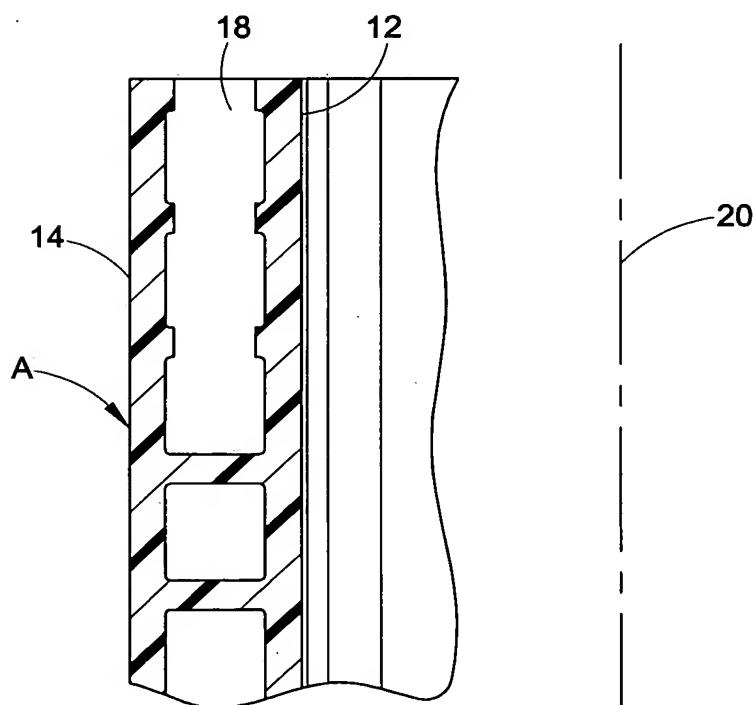


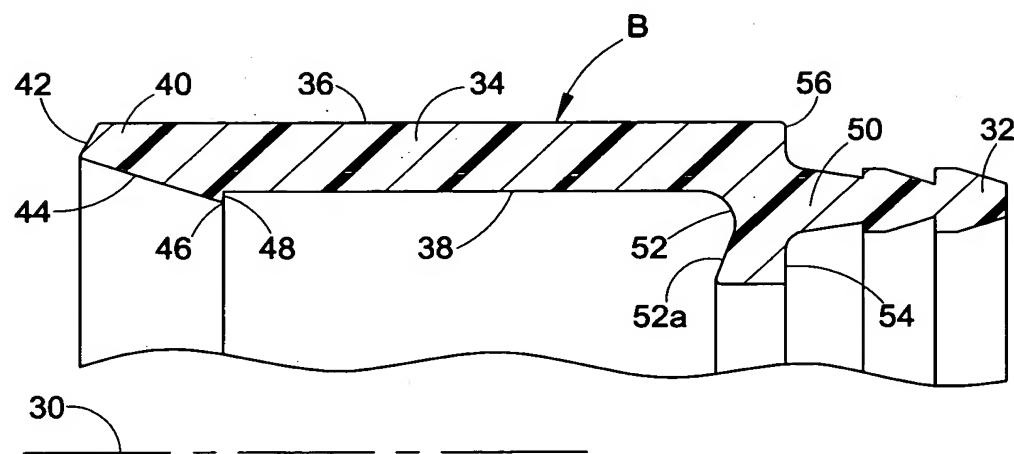
**FIG. 1**  
(PRIOR ART)



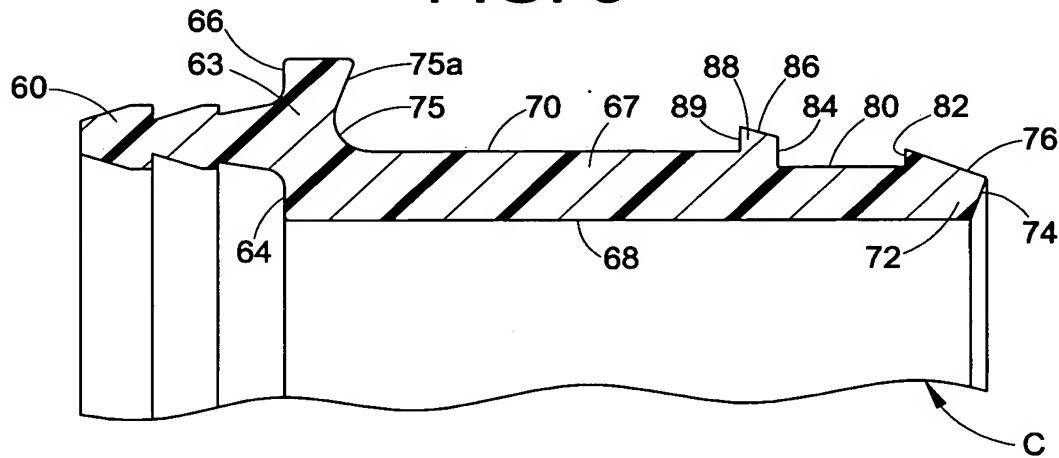
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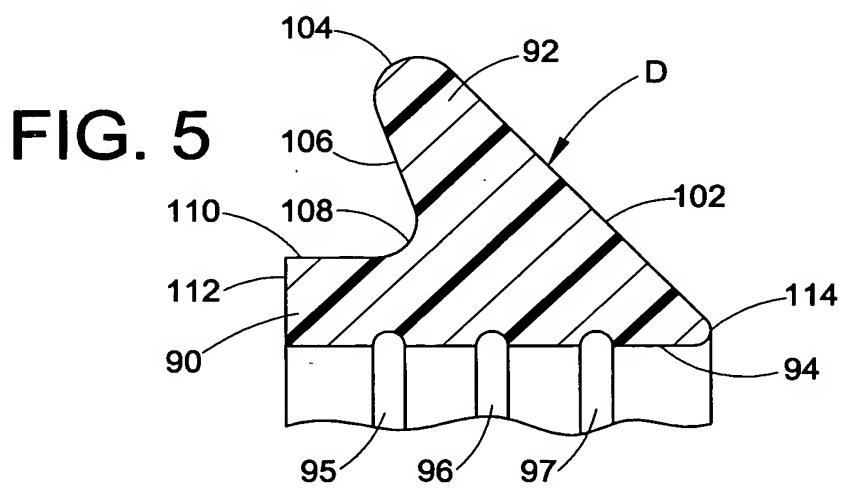
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**FIG. 3**



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**FIG. 5**

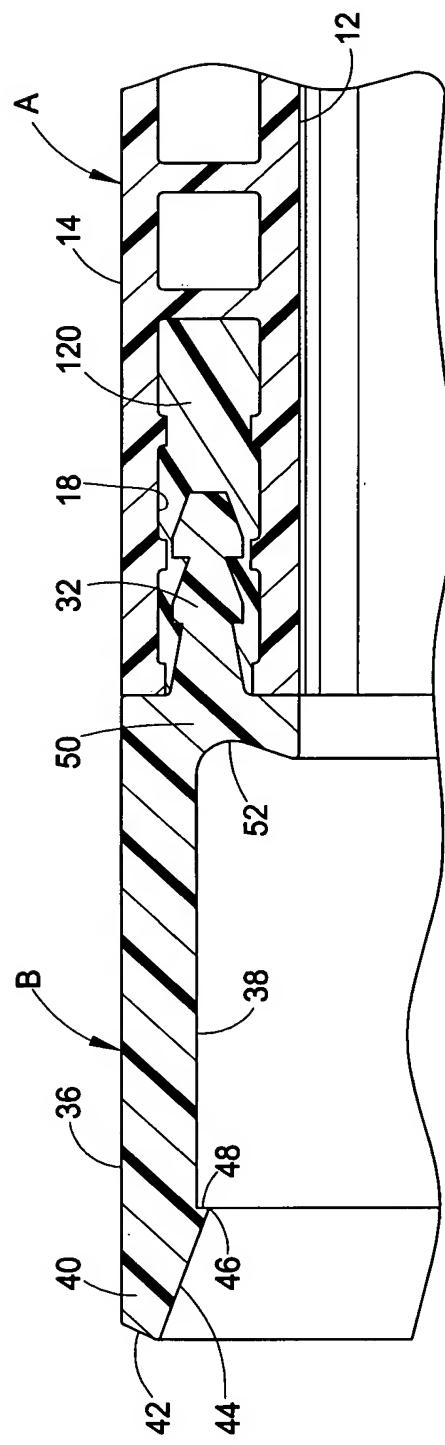


FIG. 6

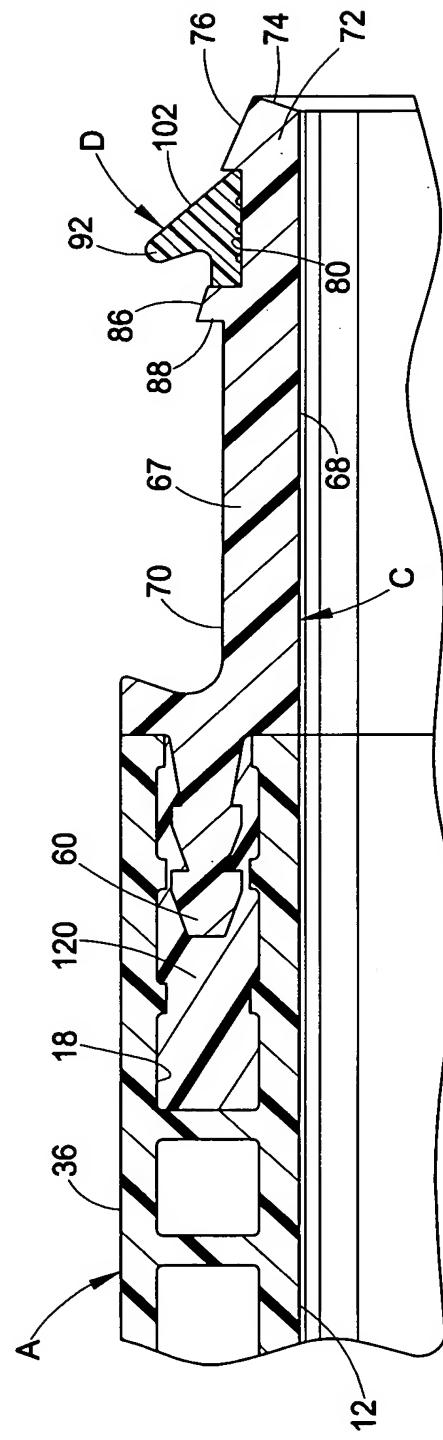


FIG. 7

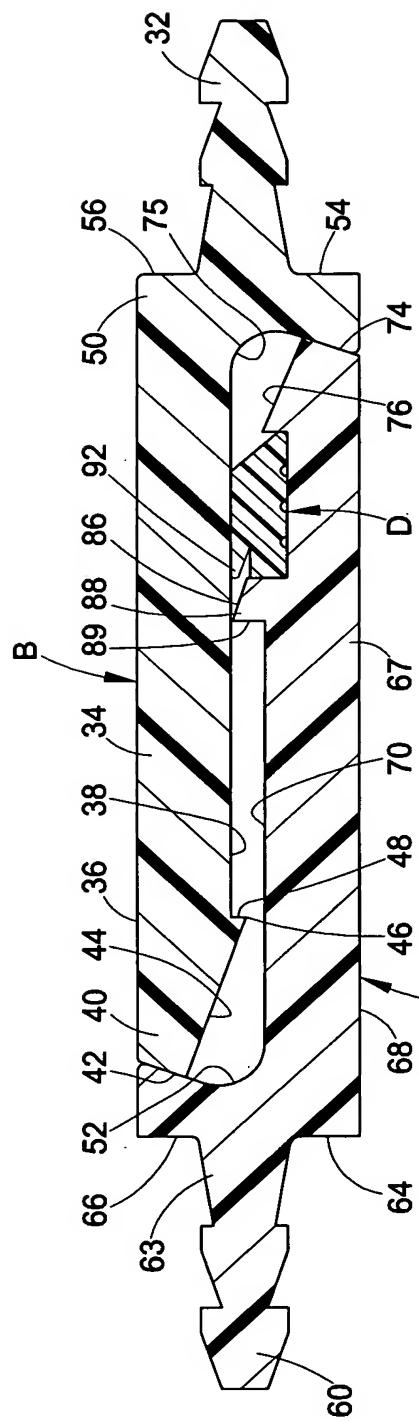


FIG. 8

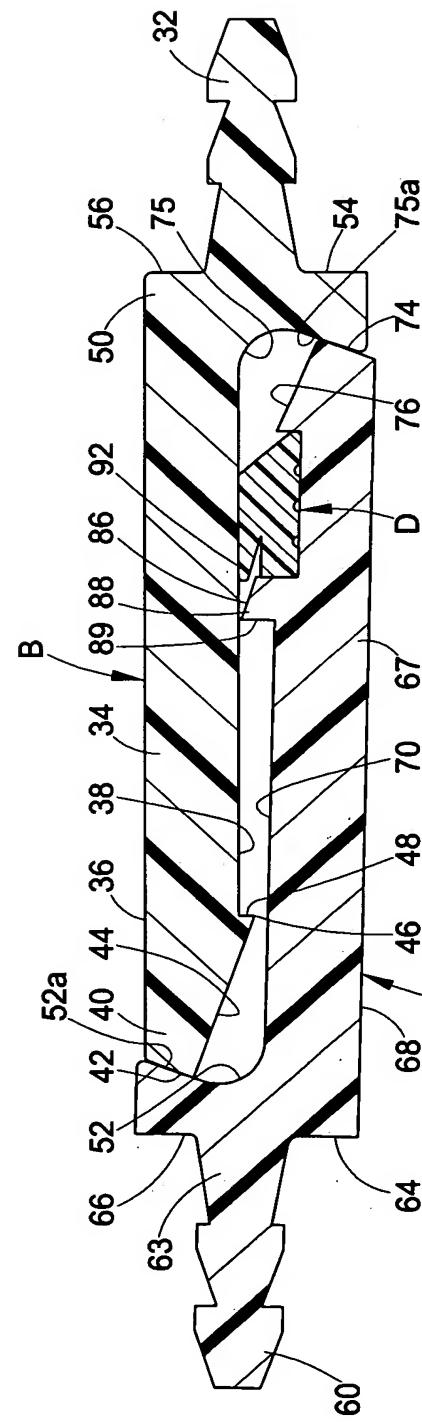


FIG. 9



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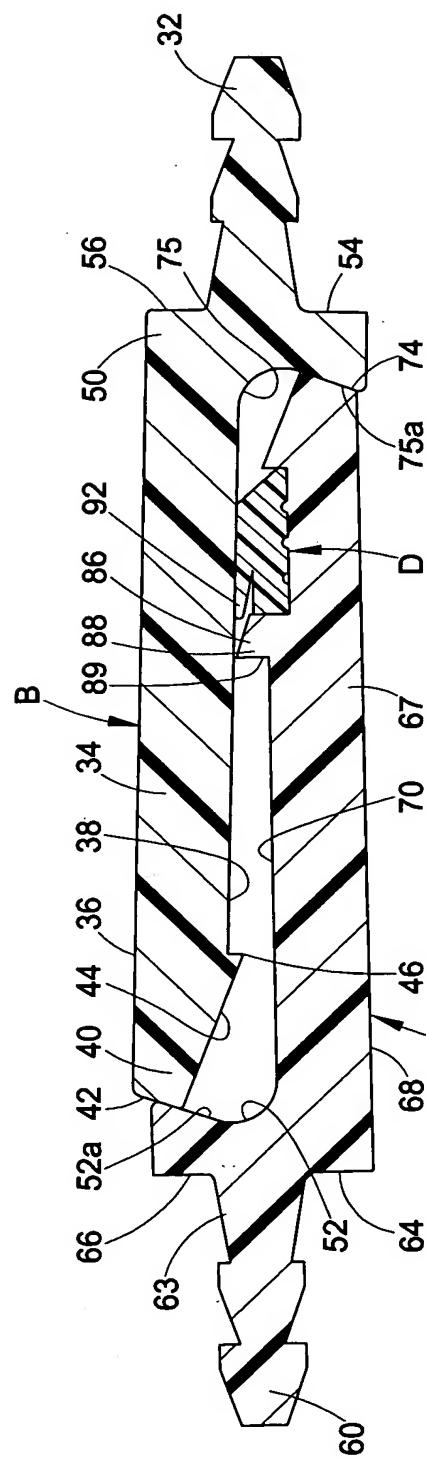


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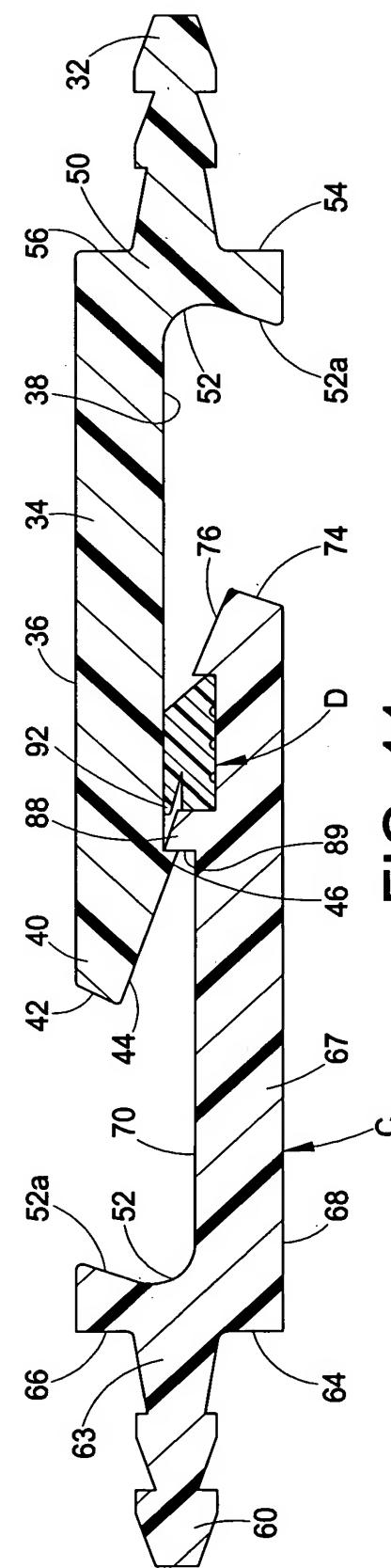


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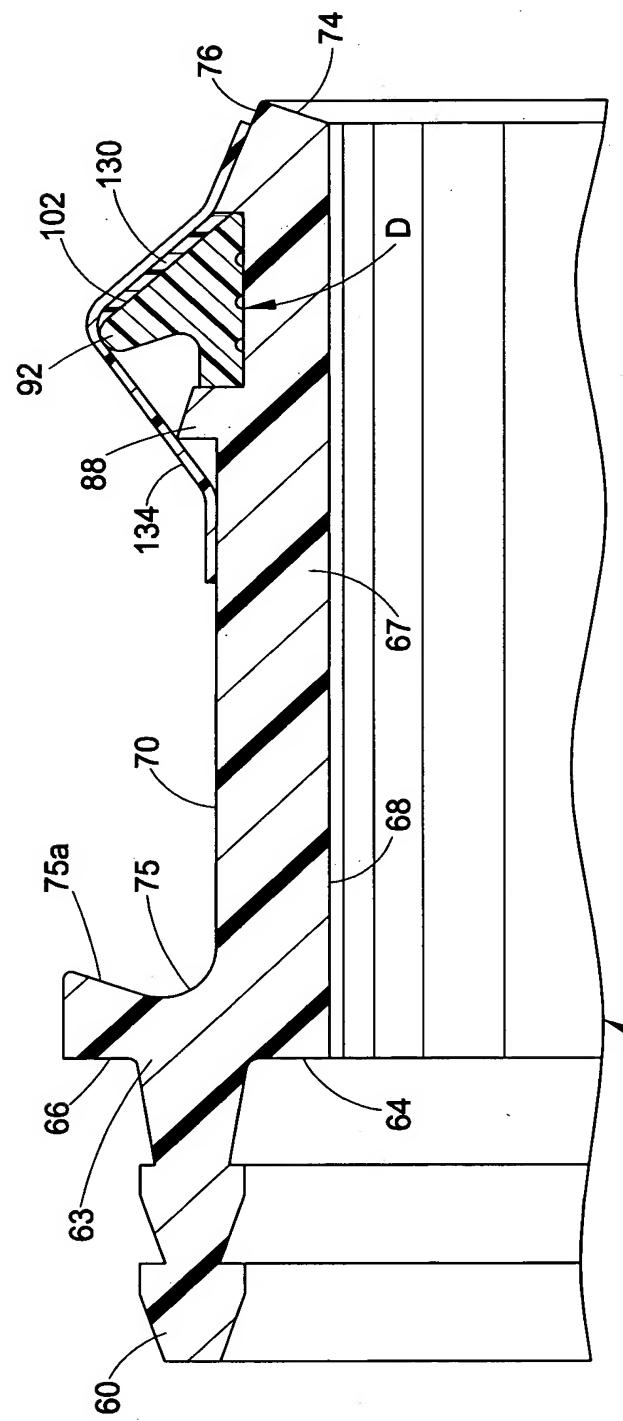
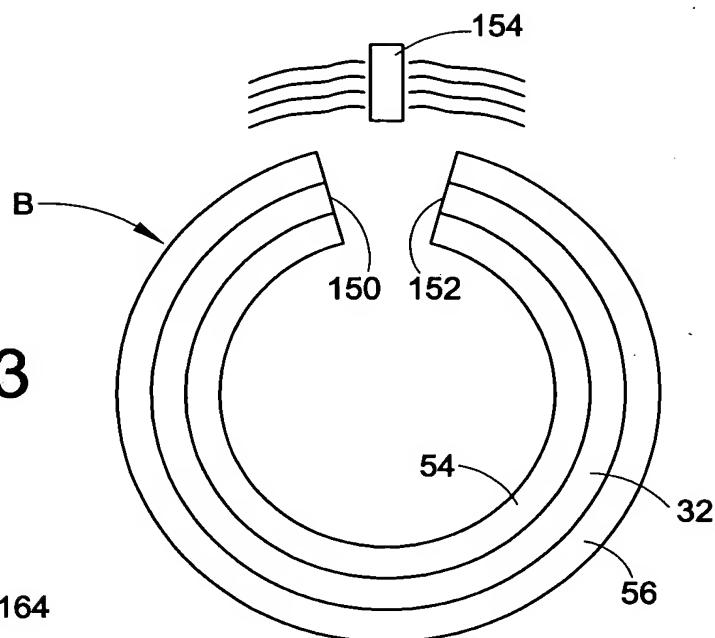


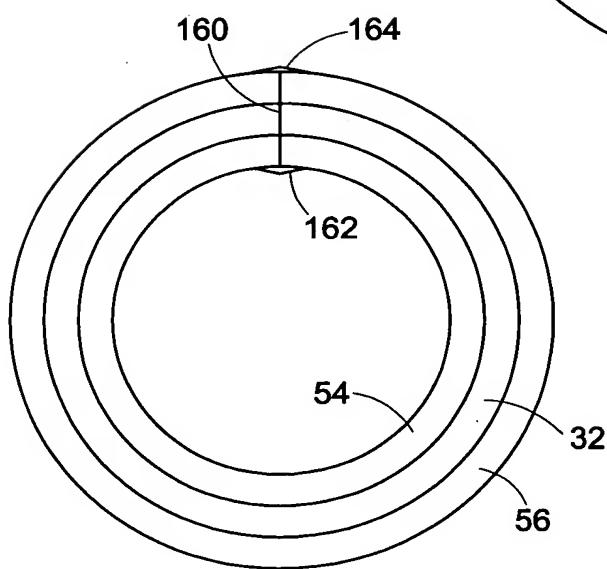
FIG. 12



**FIG. 13**



**FIG. 14**



**FIG. 15**

